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To ensure that Arizona's veteran community is kept "up to date" on what is happening with the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS), we offer this bi-monthly update sent out to our veteran contacts throughout the State of Arizona. Please visit online: www.dvs.az.gov/, www.facebook.com/azdvs/

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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-PHOENIX (ASVH-Phoenix)

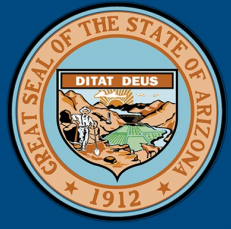
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- Contents submitted by the Kayla Uptain

May/June in Review

- ◆ The ladies of ASVH-Phoenix enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day Tea this year. Festivities included scones and danishes, festive hats and beautiful flowers.





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♦ On May 23rd, staff members from Grand Canyon University (GCU) visited the veterans and provided a morning full of fun and games. Veterans were able to participate in Nerf Gun Target Practice, Texas Hold 'Em, Cornhole, and enjoy some refreshments and talk with the staff members. The group also sang all the military branch songs as well as the GCU fight song. All in attendance were full of smiles.



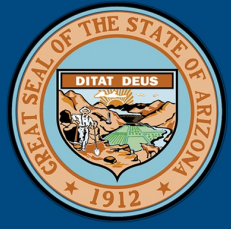
Check out the article and video from GCU Today [here!](#)





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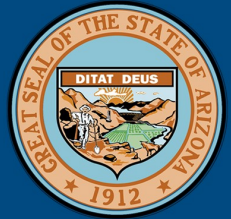
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- ♦ Girl Scouts Troop 1263 stopped by the home to deliver cookies and smiles to ASVH-Phoenix residents.



- ♦ Memorial Day was May 29th and the residents attended a Memorial Day service honouring all veterans that passed away from the home, along with a patriotic musical performance by April Yeager. In the afternoon, staff brightened up the day by passing out novelty ice cream.



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- ♦ Thank you to United Healthcare for hosting an ice cream social for our veterans. It was a blast and a great way to cool off from the heat!



- ♦ On Wednesday, June 21st the Phoenix Elks hosted a wonderful steak dinner in Liberty Hall for 21 veterans. Thank you to the Phoenix Elks who continue to provide events for our veterans!





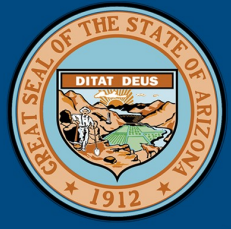
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- ◆ On Father's Day, some of our residents enjoyed a steak and seafood dinner.



- ◆ A BIG thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for providing a steak and egg lunch for the entire home. Also, a thank you to the Cooties Pup Tent 11 for serving a steak fry lunch to all veterans, as well as providing a live performance by T.A. Burrows! We couldn't do what we do without the support of our organizations. Thank you!



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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)

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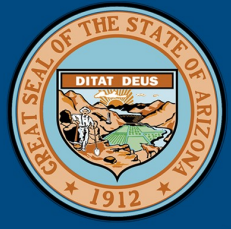
May/June in Review

♦ Our residents had a great time coloring Easter eggs for baskets and handing them out to children visiting the facility during the Easter weekend. The Easter baskets were also used as centerpieces during the Easter buffet. Guests were encouraged to help themselves to the colorful eggs.



♦ Right: In the Internet Café, one of our veterans continues to independently read with the help of our specialized equipment to enlarge pages out of books and magazines.





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- ♦ As part of our continued inter-generational program, we had approximately 65 young adults do a performance for our residents with contemporary and patriotic music, which was enjoyed by all.



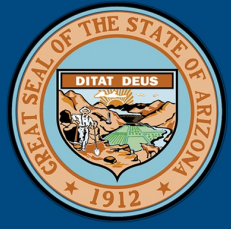
- ♦ Our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration with Mariachi Alegre was a great success with the Mexican finger foods, along with beer and horchata. La Paloma Folklorico Dancers also stopped by to celebrate. This group is international, representing Tucson in both the Australia and London Olympic Games.





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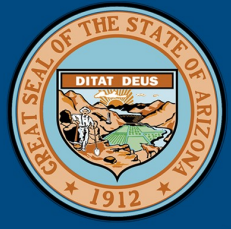
- ♦ Right: The Elks Organization presented ASVH-Tucson with movie tickets for the new Cinemark Marketplace theaters. The residents look forward to going to that theater because they can sit in recliner chairs and enjoy a variety of films. With this donation, we will be able to do a movie outing every month for the remainder of 2017.



- ♦ Left: The Elks also hosted a BBQ with special entertainment provided by Shriners clowns. They brought big smiles and laughter to our residents and their families. We look forward to having them again in the future.



- ♦ Left: Our Annual Mother's Day Brunch was a success. Residents enjoyed food provided by our Dietary Department and Pat Harris entertained them with her harp.



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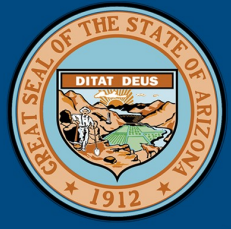
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- ◆ Our monthly POW-WOW continues to be a success, open to the community. Pictured below are the May and June POW-WOWs. POW-WOW also supports food banks. Also pictured below is a representative from the Benson Area Food Bank along with his canine assistant.



- ◆ Desert Christian School paid us another visit as part of our inter-generational program. They performed songs and brought in baby chicks that the school kids will be responsible for feeding and caring for.





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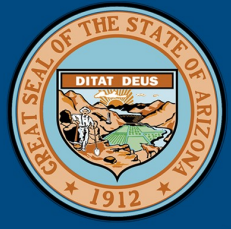
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- ◆ Residents participated in the VA's 7th Annual Walk & Roll VA2K. This was our first year going and we look forward to future Walk & Roll events.



- ◆ We celebrated Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Appreciation Week at ASVH-Tucson. Every CNA received a "thank you" gift bag. Thanks to the following organizations for their donations to fill the bags for our valued CNAs: Brady Industries, Harmony Hospice, Medline Industries, Senior Crimestoppers, US Foods, Pacific Mobile, Veterans Crisis Line, AARP, Saliba's Pharmacy and Concentric.





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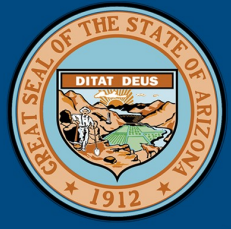
◆ Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

Remembering:

Vincent Ahern	Edward Karpinski
Arthur Caviglia	David Lewis
Clovis Chartrand	Robert Lusignan
William Corbin	Aurelio Meza
Robert Cormaney	Teddy Milewski
Stanley Crouch	Elmo Owens
Thomas Doonan	Delbert Palmer
Mark Ethington	Quentin Parson
Thomas Fallows	Donald Perkins
Jesus Felix	Charles Peters
Moses Ford	Raymond Poore
Raymond Harden	Henry Richards
Frank Hegewald	Gilbert Romero
Samuel Horne	Wallace Swisher
Jimmy Howle	Oral Thompson
Jerry Hyatt	Hector Velasquez



The American Legion Post 66 (The Lady Titans) performed the posting of the colors for our service.



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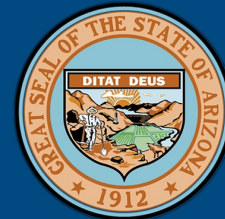
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Special Thanks to Sgt. Paul Sheldon and ALA Post 59 for their assistance escorting our veterans and families to the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony.



- ◆ Our Father's Day Celebration was a great success. Jessica Walters and Company performed traditional belly dancing. The residents and families enjoyed beer and finger foods.





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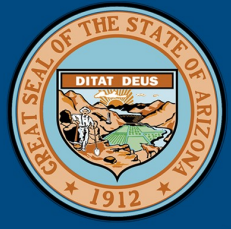
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- ♦ The Elks Organization and the Boy Scouts hosted a Flag Day Ceremony with 200 years of flags represented.



- ♦ Our Art and Movement Therapy program continues to be a great success. Our residents are engaged in watercolors and still life (apple) drawings. Who would have thought we had so many artists among us?





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ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES (AVMC)

We are delighted to be able to provide three beautiful final resting places for our veterans and loved ones.

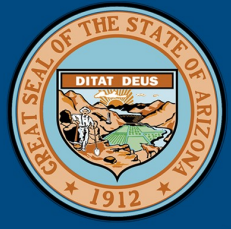
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♦ AVMC Camp Navajo

Summer wild flowers are making their mark at Camp Navajo!

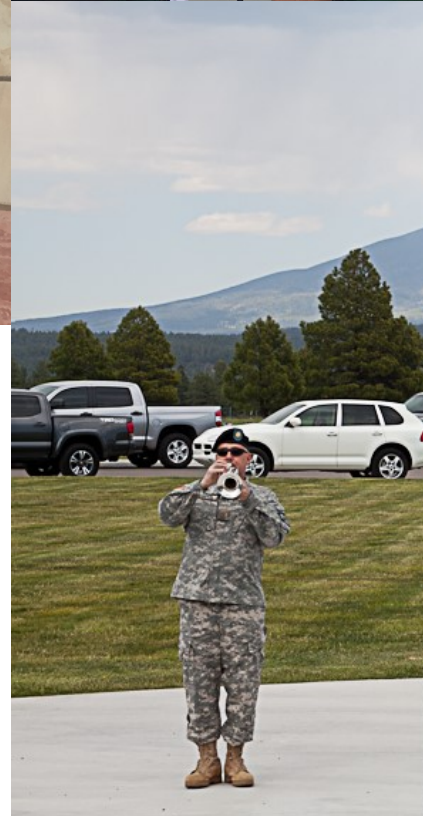




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- ♦ On Memorial Day, special guests: Congressman Tom O'Halleran, Senator Jamescita Mae Peshlakai, COL (ret) Pete Kloeber and Rodger Ely joined AVMC Camp Navajo administrator, LTC (ret) Andrew Griffin, in the mountains for a Memorial Day Observance Ceremony.



Left: Paul Flanagan plays
"Bells of Dunblane"

Right: MAJ (ret) Dan Eadens
plays "TAPS"



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♦ AVMC Marana

On May 18th, Run for the Wall stopped by to lay a wreath at AVMC Marana. This was part of their mission to ride motorcycles from California to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. One of the riders was administrative assistant, Brenda Price.





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- ◆ The AVMC Marana Memorial Day Ceremony was attended by several families, community supporters, AVMC-M Foundation, and VSOs : VFW District 5, VFW Post 5990 & Auxiliary; MOC & MOCA Pup Tent 2, CVMA 32-2, MIAP and LS1 Leyva.

Guest speakers included:

- Major General Edward P. Maxwell

Commander,
Arizona Air National Guard

- Jim Ellars

VFW National
Legislative Chairman

- Wally Howard

Commander, Pima
Chapter Korean War
Veterans Association





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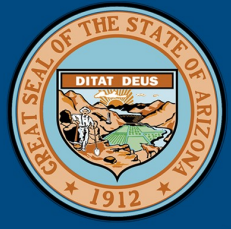
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- ◆ AVMC-M representative, Brenda Price attended the Tucson Veterans Supporting Veterans Stand Down on June 13th. Veterans from across the city weaved their way through the vendor tables and tents, where they were offered resources, assistance, medical and dental screening, clothes, an outdoor barber shop, pet care supplies, hygiene products, plenty of food and water and much more!



[Click here](#) to see a video from our last Missing In America Project (MIAP) mission. In April, 30 homeless, unclaimed or indigent veterans and one dependent spouse were interred. We'll hold our next mission in October.





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- ♦ ADVS and AVMC Marana were proud to be part of the effort to bury two WWII veterans together. The Arizona Department of Public Safety, Pinal County Sheriff's office and many other organizations teamed up to fulfill Victoria Rivas' final wish of being buried next to her husband, Mario, at AVMC Marana. Read more [here](#).

- ♦ AVMC Marana is happy to support the upcoming Women Warriors Stand Down. The event will provide resources, food, entertainment and more to female veterans.



WOMEN WARRIORS

This event is for ALL female Veterans! If you know of any female Veteran who is experiencing homelessness and or eviction please let them know of this event!

Sponsored By:

United Way of Tucson
Southern Arizona



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Speaker:

Mayor Jonathon Rothschild

Guest Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Ron Gellis

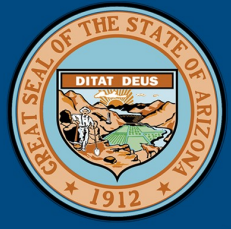
Karen Kuciver and the Student Veteran Organization is hosting an event called "Women Warriors." We are dedicating this event to our brave female Veterans who are experiencing Military Sexual Trauma, PTSD, homelessness, eviction, job loss, or just having trouble adjusting to civilian life. There will be resources available for our Warriors to get the help they need. Such as: Army Wounded Warrior, Old Pueblo Community Services, Sullivan Jackson Employment, Emerge, Women's H-PACT Team, SAVHCS Eligibility & Enrollment.

There will be food, entertainment, female hygiene products, clothing, and haircuts for these wonderful women while supplies last.

**Saturday
September
16
2017
10:00-2:00**

Pima Community College Downtown Campus
Just South of the Roosevelt Building
1255 N Stone Ave. Tucson, Arizona 85709

CONTACT: Karen Kuciver ww2@womenwarriors2.com



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♦ SAVMC Sierra Vista

Valor HospiceCare hosted the 5th Annual Butterfly Release on May 13th at SAVMC. They released hundreds of butterflies during the celebration of life.



Left: On May 15th SAVMC Staff made an interesting find while cleaning the bathrooms. Mr. Roadrunner was patiently waiting to be freed from a weekend of imprisonment. SAVMC is well known for the wildlife getting up close with visitors, but it appears we are now sharing the restrooms! At least he had water, right?

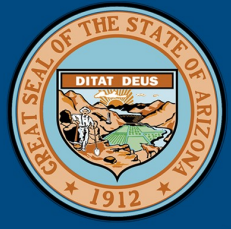


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- ♦ In preparation for Memorial Day, once a year we fly all of the U.S. and territorial flags on the flag poles at the assembly area. The display changes the cemetery's horizon from a distance. Also in preparation, several community members came out to place flags on our veterans' grave sites.



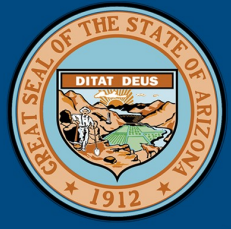


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- ♦ Several organizations and community members made our Memorial Day ceremony honorable. ADVS Director, Wanda Wright, served as the guest speaker. Our honorable guests included Major General Scott Berrier, Major General Baker, Congressman Martha McSally and the mayor of City of Sierra Vista, Rick Mueller. A special thanks to the U.S. Army's Band and Color Guard from Ft. Huachuca. Read more [here!](#)





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- ♦ You may have seen SAVMC in pictures or in person, but when was the last time you saw it from above? [Watch this](#) drone footage for an aerial tour!



- ♦ Huge thanks to the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course (ANOC) class from Ft. Huachuca for helping us prune up our plants, pull weeds and spruce up our cemetery!

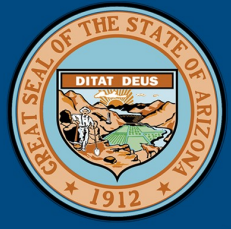


- ♦ Upcoming events:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Riders are having their 11th Annual POW/MIA Run on September 16th at 9:00 a.m.

On Veterans Day, November 11th at 8:00 a.m., SAVMC staff and volunteers will be placing U.S. flags on all of the gravesites.

On December 16th at 10:00AM the 107th Civil Air Patrol squadron will conducting the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath placement on all of the veterans gravesites. For more information visit www.savmcf.org



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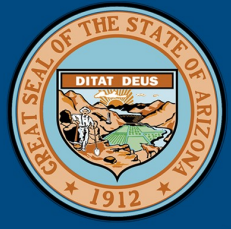
◆ ADVS News

We had a great time on May 12th at Mesa Morning Live! Sally Harrison and Mark Young announced the opening of the Mesa Veteran's Resource Center. We're excited to partner with the center as we continue our mission to serve Arizona's veterans as they've served us.



On May 20th, Director Wright was the grand marshal of the 11th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Flagstaff. Before the parade, Billy Weldon and John Davison from Northern Arizona Veterans Coalition presented her with a custom rug and plaque as a token of their appreciation.





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- ◆ Director Wright presented the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal to the family of Pfc. Ralford Jackson. Jackson, a U.S. Marine Corps radio telegraph operator, was killed in Vietnam on May 22, 1969. He was 20 years old, and left behind a wife and two children.



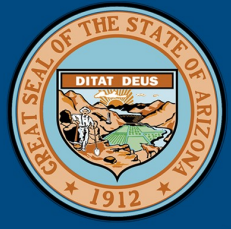
48 years later, Wright visited the Oraibi village on the Hopi reservation to present Jackson's family the medal in honor of his service and sacrifice. The program at his family home included comments from special guests, a flag-folding ceremony, plus a Gold Star Banner and POW/MIA flag presentation. Jackson's family and friends also talked about their most cherished memories of him.

See more pictures and the full article

[here.](#)

- ◆ On the 67th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, Director Wright, attended the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. The event, hosted by the Arizona Korean Association, honored about 40 Korean War veterans and their families.





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- ♦ The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services is proud to launch the Veteran Tool Kit Program. It was created to help unemployed veterans get the supplies they need to start working.



"It could be something as simple as 'I could start work tomorrow, but I need transportation and my alternator went out. I found a place that will fix it for \$500. Can you pay for that?' My answer is sure. If you're going to start work on Monday, let's make it happen,"

ADVS Assistant Deputy Director, John Scott says.



Director Wright and Assistant Deputy Director Scott toured the state asking veterans how they could help them become gainfully employed. Veterans repeatedly said they were ready to work, but needed things to get them there, ranging from boots and tools to bicycles. 62-percent of veterans polled said if they had this program, they would have a job immediately.



"The program isn't confined to just one industry or need. People think because it's called the tool kit, it's just for construction. If your application shows you've done the leg work looking for employment, you have a potential employer, and you just need a few things to start that job, we can help," Scott adds.



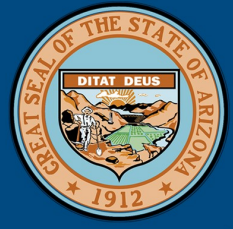
Qualifying veterans must:

- Live in Arizona
- Be enrolled in an Arizona Department of Economic Security employment program
- Identify the job they need supplies for

This pilot program will offer \$150,000 over the course of this fiscal year, with a limit of \$750 per veteran. We will use the results from this year to determine the program's next step.

Find your local DES employment office [here](#).





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Save the Date!

Arizona Military/Veteran Women's Expo 2017

**A free event to celebrate women who
served and are serving in the military**

Join us for a day of education and relaxation!

Enjoy pampering, prizes, delicious food, exhibitors and more!

**Saturday, July 15, 2017
0900 - 1500**

**Kingman Regional Medical Center
3269 N. Stockton Hill Rd
Kingman, AZ 86409**

Register by July 9th at dvs.gov/womenvetexpo2017

For more information email: azwomenvets@azdvs.gov

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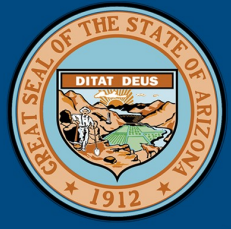


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- ♦ Don't forget to come see us at the Arizona Military/Veteran Women's Expo, Saturday July 15th from 9 a.m—3 p.m!

- ♦ In alignment with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2017-02, ADVS is seeking input from our regulated and stakeholder communities regarding our Administrative Rules. We would appreciate it if you would take a moment to let us know of any Administrative Rules from Title 4 of the Arizona Administrative Code that you believe may be overly burdensome and not necessary to protect consumers, public health, or public safety. Review the rules and send your comments [here](#).

Arizona Administrative Code		Title 4, Ch. 40
Department of Veterans' Services – Arizona State Veteran Home		
TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS		
CHAPTER 40. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES		
ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME		
Authority: A.R.S. § 41-601 et seq.		
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We'd like to welcome Coconino Community College (CCC) as our newest Arizona certified Veteran Supportive Campus! See the full list of certified schools [here](#)!

The Arizona Military Family Relief Fund provides financial assistance to the families of currently deployed Service Members and post-9/11 Military and Veteran Families for hardships caused by the Service Member's deployment to a combat zone. In 2016, \$880,294 was distributed from the fund to help families in need. [Learn more](#) about requesting money from or donating to the fund.



The Arizona Veteran Survey exists to give a voice to all service members, vets, family members & supporters. Everyone is invited to complete a survey. The results will have a direct impact on the care, services and support provided to service members, veterans and their families throughout Arizona. Did we mention you can win prizes? Take the survey [here](#)!

Did you know that Arizona has a 24/7 support line available to everyone?
1-866-4AZ-VETS

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How can you be connected?



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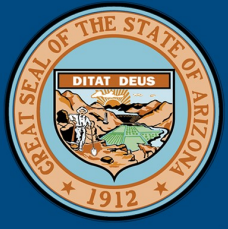
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Please see our [ADVS Facebook page](#) for more events in daily life in and around our agency.

Here are some helpful links:

